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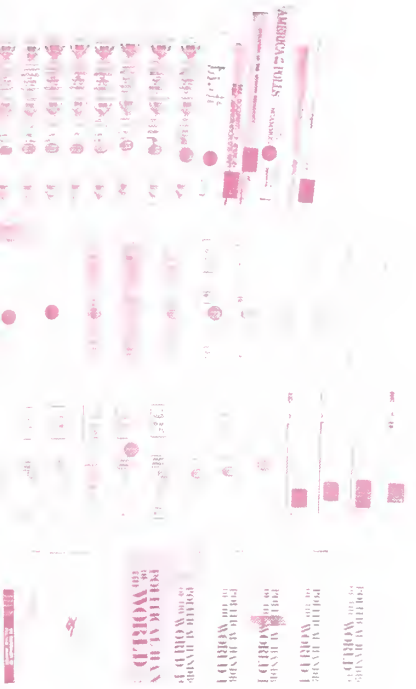
Write Stuff

"Teaching writing is challenging, but rewarding," says Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, MSMC professor of English. "Students first need to know that they have something valuable to say. Then they need the tools to express this in writing. Providing both is the writing teacher's job."

Three Mount students from different majors have used writing to give voice to very personal issues that concern them: William Baker, nursing; Therese Garcia, English/sociology; and Patricia Morales, liberal studies.

"Through writing, students rediscover their imaginations," adds Sister Joseph Adele. "They also realize that they have worlds of ideas and feelings to express."



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Making the Extra Effort

This excerpt from an article written by ***William Baker '95*** *is about an experience he had while working as a medical assistant and student nurse. Baker has since passed the Arizona state boards, and is now on the staff of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Phoenix. He is working on his BSN, which he hopes to complete by the end of this year. "Making the Extra Effort" was published in the May issue of* Nursing95 *magazine.*

Opening the door to the waiting room, I saw a lone matronly woman sitting stiffly in her chair. She appeared apprehensive and was nervously choking a magazine into a tight roll. "Mrs. Langdon, would you please come with me?" I asked. Startled by my voice, the plump, gray-haired woman jumped to her feet. Her frightened eyes met mine for an instant as she hurried through the doorway and into examination room #1. . . Mrs. Langdon's anxiety level seemed unusually high. Preparing to take her temperature, I placed a probe cover on the tympanic thermometer. "So, what brings you in to see the doctor today?" I asked cheerfully, trying to help her relax. "Is that clean?" she asked abruptly, referring to the thermometer. . . "I want an AIDS test," she blurted. "A gay man spit on me. . . We were talking and some of his spit hit me in the eye." Relief flooded through me. I assured her that the likelihood of contracting HIV from such casual contact was very low, but that the doctor would explain more fully. Then I got up, put her chart in the bin, and closed the door behind me.

A few minutes later, I walked by room #1 and noticed that the door was ajar. To my surprise, the room was empty and Mrs. Langdon's chart was gone. Apparently, she'd raced out of the office without saying a word to anyone.

I wish I'd taken the extra minutes to explain things more fully to her. . . The next time I meet someone like Mrs. Langdon, I'll be prepared.

Tupperware vs. Fathers and Responsibility

Therese Garcia*, an MSMC junior, reflects on relationships both real and imagined in this personal essay assignment for her English class.*

Responsibility is like the long-buried Tupperware in the fridge that no one wants to claim as his or hers. It just sits there, fermenting and evolving into some new organism, waiting to be discovered. . .

Like the ancient Tupperware in the fridge, I pushed my assigned duties to the farthest end of a cold, box-like place in hopes that they would stay dormant forever. From the day I was born to the end of my twelfth year, youth had been my excuse for chucking responsibility.

Having grown up without a father figure since my parents' divorce, I never really cared about having a real father. Reading about Sherlock Holmes' adventures made me ache to have a father like him who was so utterly brilliant. I christened him as my new father. (Now that I'm older, I realize that having a morphine addict for a father wasn't a very good idea.)

Following my mother's rules became imperative because a budding sleuth needed to observe as well as be exposed to possible crime scenes. I dusted furniture and washed the dishes in exchange for freedom to roam outside to study footprints in the grass, mud, and gravel, as well as to take down possible criminals' fingerprints. I was so driven by my work that my mother sat me down one day to ask if I was all right. She was worried because of the way I talked to my detective father. I deduced that she probably believed I had inherited the schizo ailment that had caused her two uncles to be institutionalized. I assured her that my brain functions were normal.

Of course, she didn't believe me, especially after I read *Silas Marner.* I thought Silas Marner was the ultimate father. Unlike Sherlock, Silas wasn't calculating or obnoxious. He wasn't even a druggie. Although he was often silent, I knew that he loved me unconditionally. When I asked my mom to buy me a loom so that I could be a clothmaker like Silas, she sat me down again. She asked me about my health, convinced that I had the dreaded gene that was so prevalent in her family. She told me to start playing with neighborhood kids and lay off the books for a while. Of course, that was impossible.

After reading *To Kill A Mockingbird*, I became so distraught that I couldn't eat anything for breakfast. I couldn't decide which father I liked the most: Silas Marner or Atticus. I felt so bad for Silas because I decided to make Atticus my number one father. He was like Silas in many ways, especially his quiet manner, but Atticus was the defender of the oppressed. He stood up for what was right despite the condemnation of the townspeople. I told my mother my dilemma. She started crying.

"I wish I could stay home and be with you, but I need to pay the bills. I just hope you know that I'm doing my best to take care of you guys," she sobbed. The way she looked frightened me. I didn't understand why she got so emotional. When she came back that night, she brought home a secondhand television from the thrift store. "Maybe you shouldn't be reading so much. Bad for your eyes," she said, placing the television in my room.

Television became my window to the world and, plus, it gave faces to my rapidly multiplying fathers. In fact, television had added more to the list, like Jeff Smith, the Frugal Gourmet, who took me away from hot dogs and macaroni and cheese to the land of gumbo, pesto, and calamari. Instead of eating microwave foods, I feasted like royalty with my father. Of course, there

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was Roger Ebert, who took me to the movies with him every week, and Martin Scorsese, who taught me how to appreciate the seedier side of humanity; and most recently, Captain Picard, who took me to uncharted galaxies with him.

The ancient Tupperware was made to be more palatable by my fathers who forced me, though inadvertently, to follow through with my responsibilities, however unpleasant they may be. Washing dishes, cleaning the bathroom, and mowing the lawn became a challenge, for I could pretend that I was one of the Joads, oppressed by Capitalists in *The Grapes of Wrath*. . . I could pretend to be the daughter of a revolutionary, a carpenter, a peasant, and doing something more noble than just performing ordinary chores. My own transcendent reality, so to speak.

Faces Behind the Curtains

This excerpt is contributed by ***Patricia Morales '95****, from her final project in a creative writing class.*

A little girl is crying on the late night television news. Tears are coming down her cheeks because her brother has been killed in a drive-by shooting in South Central Los Angeles. The unidentified girl is crying rivers because her brother is dead, and she saw who did it. However, she will not cooperate with police because she is afraid of retaliation.

After a while of listening and looking at the pain, there is a feeling of numbness. Living in South Central L.A. creates this feeling. The hard-working, tired eyes of the residents of this crime-infested city look away from the scene of a crime.

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They have seen the red puddles of those who die, and heard the agonizing cries of those who stay behind. Faces can be seen peeking out through the windows of graffiti-broken homes. . .

Someone turns off the TV and tries to sleep. It is difficult to fall asleep with the noise of the ambulance and helicopters outside.

But sleep they must have, so that they can dream and get up the next morning. In their dreams, they are not afraid to walk down their block at eight o'clock at night; in their dreams they are not afraid that they will be caught in the crossfire. And in their dreams their child is not crying on the late night TV news.

"These students are only three of many who have opened themselves up to the world of written word and, in doing so, have gained confidence in their writing ability," says Sister Joseph Adele Edwards. "All three have found that they have something to say and the tools with which to say it."

Findings for the Future

Summertime — and the livin' was not easy for six senior biology majors who participated in biomedical summer research programs. "Grueling, but challenging; sometimes exhausting, but always rewarding," is how one student describes the experience.

"Summer research programs provide an opportunity for honor students to work on a one-to-one basis with research faculty at another university, college, or institute to increase their knowledge and learn new research techniques," says Sister Annette Bower, chair of the biological sciences department. "MSMC students are highly competitive on the national scene and sought after for prestigious positions; these programs enhance their opportunities for acceptance into top institutions for graduate study."

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Most of these students are recipients of grants from the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

MARC student Leandrita Flores, accepted to several programs, chose to observe DNA sequence data at the National Center for Genome Resources in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This information will serve her well when she enters medical school to earn an M.D./Ph.D. in molecular biology.

The National Institute of Dental Research found MARC student Edith Lesaca studying the molecular biology of head and neck tumor cells. Lesaca plans to pursue an M.D./Ph.D. in biomedical research.

Nohelia Canales, also a MARC student, had offers from four universities seeking her participation in their summer research programs. Canales hopes to discover a cure for breast cancer, and elected to go to the University of Pennsylvania, where her research centered on cell adhesion and breast cancer. Like Lesaca, she plans on earning an M.D./Ph.D. in biomedical research.

Research studies in UCLA's biomedical laboratories piqued the interest of MARC students Linda Nguyen and Ximena Vargas. Nguyen extracted DNA from candida albican yeast to discover how DNA changes form in the cells of patients with lowered immunity. She will attend medical school in pursuit of an M.D./Ph.D. and anticipates a career in family medicine, gynecology, or research. Vargas analyzed data from brain cells for a study that examines the effects of estrogen on the region of the brain that determines sexuality.

Students may also take a specialized science course, as did Kawana Martin, who participated in a health careers enhancement program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

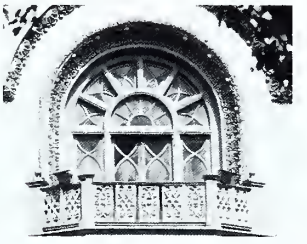
Time for Every Purpose

A time to grow through study and research; a time for creativity; a time for inner reflection and understanding — all define the time of the sabbatical.

After six or more consecutive years of service, tenured members of the MSMC faculty may apply for a sabbatical leave. In the 1994-95 academic year, four faculty members were granted this well-deserved interval to pursue activities that will enrich their own lives, their students, and the College.

Father George O'Brien, associate professor of English, spent the year delving into and gaining a better appreciation of news media. He observed the newsrooms of Chicago's *Sun Times* and *Tribune*, and the *Los Angeles Times*; sat in on political communications and journalistic ethics classes at UCLA; visited the assignment desk at NBC News, and did a lot of reading. "My students will benefit from my experiences as I teach them to become better consumers of the news," he says. "I've always admired the news gathering and reporting process, but watching professional journalists at work has made me respect this profession even more."

Dr. Daniel Stogryn, professor of physical sciences and mathematics, gathered the most current data on the electric multiple moments of molecules, a process that describes the shape of molecules with mathematical equations. During his fall semester sabbatical, he also read several books on theology, the histories of Chinese and Japanese civilizations, and aviation. "It is important to be current in research," Stogryn says. "When my students ask questions, I will be able to offer better answers."



Eileen McArow, assistant professor of nursing, is deeply concerned about future directions in the nursing profession. "Health care is changing drastically every day, and this affects nursing education; to keep abreast of these transitions, our curriculum must become responsive to the needs of an aging society," she says. McArow focused her sabbatical year on health care for the elderly, developing the gerontology rotation for MSMC nursing students. In addition to attending several seminars offered in the Los Angeles area, she traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, for a conference sponsored by the American Society on Aging, and to San Francisco for a gerontological nursing conference. McArow also took courses toward completion of a certificate in quality assurance and read "enormous amounts of publications."

Dr. Michele Dumont, professor of philosophy, explored her interest in multicultural education by enrolling at UCLA during the spring semester, where she took courses in Spanish; Chicano/a studies; and women's studies, focused on women of color. "Most of us have been exposed to a very biased history of the Americas, and there is much that we haven't learned," she says.

"Immersing yourself in another culture gives you an entirely different perspective on the United States. This experience has made me more sensitive to the ways many of our students approach learning," she adds.

A Literary Dream-Come-True

To read and discuss a favorite author's works, to visit the sites described in those works, and to meet someone related to the author — such stuff as English teachers' dreams are made on...!

Such a dream was fulfilled for Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, through the auspices of the Mount's Professional Development Grant Program. For a week at the end of June, she attended the Sixth International Willa Cather Seminar in Quebec City, Canada. Edwards, a member of the MSMC English department for more than 25 years, has long been an avid reader and teacher of this Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

Cather's *Shadows on the Rock* is set in the Quebec of the 1600s, and was the primary focus of the seminar. Edwards also heard papers and discussions on other Cather novels. "The new insights I gained will enhance my future teaching of Willa Cather," she comments.

Perhaps even more meaningful was the opportunity to see several of the sites described by Cather in *Shadows*. Conference participants visited the Place-Royale and the Church of Notre-Dame-des Victoires in the lower town; the Petit Seminare, built by Bishop Laval in the 1600s; the Cathedral Notre-Dame-of-Quebec; and the Ursulines' Chapel in the upper town of the old city. All are identified in Cather's novel.

Prior to the week in Quebec City, Edwards joined 39 other participants for a pre-seminar trip to Grand Manan Island, off the coast of New Brunswick in the Bay of Fundy. It was there, at Whale Cove, that Willa Cather spent several summers, writing some of her novels. "It was a thrill to stay overnight in Cather's cottage, where she lived and wrote," Edwards says. Another high point was a visit with Helen Cather Southwick, one of Cather's nieces. "Hearing her memories of her aunt, who died in 1947, made Cather much more real to all of us."

The next time Sister Joseph Adele teaches a Cather novel, she will have new slides and stories to share with Mount students. She will also be reliving some of her dream-come-true Cather experiences with Mount alumnae during her Founders Day workshop, "Women Reading Women Writing," on Saturday, October 7.

Self defense instructor Barbara Lewis

Don't Be A Victim!

The Mount is offering a mother/daughter self-defense course this fall. Taught by MSMC instructor Barbara Lewis, who has a black belt in karate, this course teaches girls and their mothers how to avoid attack and how to fight back physically, if necessary.

"By teaching young girls and their mothers the basics of self-defense, I'll be giving them skills that will increase their sense of safety and security," says Lewis. "In the majority of assaults where a woman resists in any way, she succeeds in escaping or scaring off the attacker."

Utilizing the martial arts of judo, karate, and jujitsu, this course will teach participants the basics of self-defense, giving them the assertiveness and self-confidence needed to protect themselves in a threatening situation.

"Knowing how to defend myself gives me a certain confidence that overlaps into all areas of my life. I attribute this confidence to my more than 20 years of training and teaching," Lewis adds.

The cost of this 18-session course is $180 per mother/daughter couple, monies which will be donated back to the College in the name of the Sister Rose Dolores Fregin Scholarship Fund. Fregin, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, was one of Lewis' first students at the College, and is an avid supporter of the self-defense program. Lewis offers the annual scholarship to MSMC students who have completed her self-defense course at the College.

Celebrating a Milestone for Women

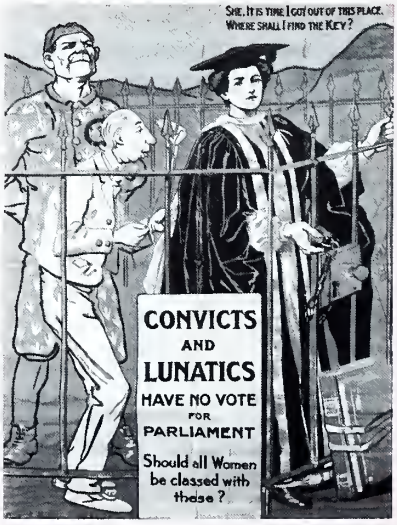
MSMC commemoroted the 75th Anniversory of women's right to vote with o mock election held during Women's History Month lost Morch. Women's struggle for suffroge wos won with the rotificotion of the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920.

Sponsored by the student offoirs office, more thon 200 students, foculty, ond stoff on the Cholon campus voted on such timely issues os heolth core, welfore, ond offirmotive oction. Voters hod the sotisfoction of letting their voices be heord, and ot the some time enjoyed coke ond refreshments.

"The mock election turned into o setting where students, foculty, ond stoff could tolk obout societol issues thot ore importont to them," soys Mori Wodsworth, associote dean for student offoirs. "The results were foscinating — we discovered how the Mount community feels obout the politicol issues of the doy."

For exomple, obout 75 percent of those polled believe thot offirmative action is still necessory for both women ond minorities; 5 percent soid it wos necessory for women only; 2 percent for minorities only; while neorly 20 percent believe thot the progrom is "not ot oll" necessory.

"Our gool wos to roise students' oworeness of women's issues," Wodsworth odds. "By pointing out o privilege thot women hoven't olwoys hod, we were oble to emphosize how for women hove come in Americon society — ond how for we still need to go."



Sister Mary Helen Solves it All

Nuns don't usually spend their free time dreaming up dastardly deeds, but Sister Carol Anne O'Marie, CSJ, does. It has become a lucrative avocation. The author of five acclaimed Sister Mary Helen mystery novels, O'Marie began her career as an author when she attended an adult education writing class as a means of reducing stress.

"I thought I'd just write some poetry or short stories for fun, but everyone in the class was writing a book. The instructor encouraged me to begin with a novel and to write about what I knew best," she says. O'Marie, an avid reader of mysteries, combined her love of "whodunnits" with her knowledge of convent life. Sister Mary Helen Pettid, CSJ, a former MSMC instructor of history and O'Marie's mentor, provided the inspiration for the spunky main character; San Francisco, the author's beloved hometown, became the colorful locale. *A Novena for Murder* (1984), her first effort, attracted the attention of several publishers, and was an instant success.

O'Marie '60 received a B.A. in English, and an M.A.T. in 1973, both from the Mount. She has held positions as a teacher, principal, religious superior, associate editor for the *Sacramento Catholic Herald*, and feature editor of the *San Francisco Catholic*. It was during the fifteen years she served as vice principal for development at Carondelet High School in Concord, California, that she began to write in earnest.

After her first book was published, O'Marie went on to write *Advent of Dying; Missing Madonna; Murder in Ordinary Time*; and *Murder Makes a Pilgrimage*. Her sixth Sister Mary Helen mystery, *Death Goes on Retreat*, will be published by Delacorte this December, and O'Marie is already scheming about her seventh in the series.

"I'm not a full-time writer," she explains. "I have so many other things to do." For the last six years, she has been ministering to homeless women at A Friendly Place, a daytime, drop-in center in downtown Oakland, which serves over 1,600 people each month.

Like all successful writers, O'Marie is also much in demand as a speaker. Members of the Mount community will have an opportunity to meet and hear her during Founders Day weekend when she appears as the featured speaker at the Women Reading Women Writing workshop, Saturday October 7, on the Doheny campus.

Despite her proclivity for plotting, one mystery remains unsolved in O'Marie's life: "I wonder what shape I'd be in now if I had started jogging instead of writing?" she ponders.

Sister Carol Anne O'Marie

At the August event honoring Dr. Joello Hordemon Gipson '50, L to R: doughter Dr. Tereso Gipson-Monuel; Councilman Mork Ridley-Thomos; Koren McKnight-Compton '87, president of the Africon Americon Alumnoe Network (AAAN); Assemblymember Juonito McDonold; ond Dr. Gipson. The AAAN organized the tribute to Gipson, who wos the first Africon Americon groduote of Mount St. Mory's College. Gipson, o professor ot Woyne Stote University in Detroit since 1972, wos recognized for her extroordinary coreer in educotion by the Colifornio Stote Senote ond Assembly, the L.A. City Council, the L.A. County Boord of Supervisors, ond the LAUSD.

CELEBRATE

Founders Day 1995!

The day will include lunch, the presentation of the Outstanding Alumnae Awards, the rededication of the newly-renovated Coe library, a Mass honoring the 70th anniversary

and a special announcement about

The Campaign for Mount St. Mary's College

Sunday, October 8

For information and reservations, call the Alumnae Office at (310) 471-9522.

Conference Encourages Dialogue

Administrators, faculty, and others concerned with issues of cultural diversity in higher education gathered in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in June at the Eighth Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education.

Alumna Judith Torbet '66, whose mother, Elizabeth Gerlach Tarbet '34, also graduated from the Mount

There, among the historic adobe buildings in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo mountains, conference delegates learned about new services and publications, shared experiences, discussed issues, and offered successful ways to celebrate diversity.

Dr. Barbara Becker, a Mount administrator for more than 20 years, now writes the College's grant proposals. Becker, who spearheaded the first several years of the MSMC **Prism**Publishing effort, diligently staffed the Prism booth at the hub of conference activity. Dr. Wanda Teays and Bergeth Schroeder of the philosophy department also represented the College at the exhibit, which featured **Prism**Publishing's "Celebrating Cultural Diversity" monographs and videos.

"Conference attendees were attracted to the MSMC booth when they spotted Maya Angelou, narrator of the videos, on the television monitor," says Becker. The videos continue to provide practical guidance to the more than 300 schools, colleges, or businesses who have purchased them, helping them learn how to adapt the effective methods used at MSMC.

"MSMC's success with multicultural education was mentioned in several of the workshops, and many of the conference participants knew of the College's achievements," says Teays.

Another highlight for Teays was her long chat over dinner with alum Judith Tarbet '66, a home and hospice nurse in Santa Fe. The two caught up on the latest happenings at the Mount, and Tarbet shared stories from the College's past imparted to her by her mother, Elizabeth Gerlach Tarbet '34 of San Rafael, California.

Dr. Jack Ruebensaal, lecturer, history and political science department, and Dr. Jacqueline P. Doud, academic vice president, also attended several conference sessions. "It was very stimulating to meet on this issue with colleagues from across the country," says Doud. "Everyone was open to the opportunity to exchange ideas so freely."

REMEMBERING

Dr. F. Roman Young

"He was a truly gentle man and a marvelous professor," Doris Schiffilea Harris '48 says of Dr. F. Roman Young. Young, the beloved former chair of the MSMC education department, died in June 1995. "He devoted his professional life to the College — he was a 24-hour professor," Harris recalls. A former director of elementary education, Harris and her husband, Bob, remained close friends with the Youngs after Dr. Young retired from Mount St. Mary's College in 1978.

Dr. Romon Young, surrounded by a bevy of MSMC post presidents, L to R: Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, Sister Mogdolen Coughlin, Dr. Young, Sister Rebecco Doon

Young was best known at MSMC for organizing the Cuban Teacher Training Institute in 1965. He recruited exiled Cubans for admission into the education department to complete their teaching credentials. Harris notes: "At the time, there was a great need for foreign language teachers in Los Angeles, and most of the Cubans were already professionals. Castro got rid of anybody who might have caused trouble for him, such as judges, doctors, and teachers. Our program helped them adjust to life in the United States."

Active with the Los Angeles Unified School District and the California Board of Education, Dr. Young was also involved in the Los Angeles Archdiocese as a Knight of Columbus. He leaves his wife, Mary Ann; two sons, David and "Fry" (Francis Roman Young, Jr.); and daughter, Molly Young Mailloux '73, who graduated from the Mount with a bachelor's degree in English.

Classics

1936 Catholic Charities Community Development Corporation honored **Marion H. Bell** posthumously by naming a newly renovated residential hotel The Marion Hotel. Bell was recognized for devoting more than 40 years to working in the Skid Row area of Los Angeles, under the auspices of Catholic Charities.

1938 After working for the *Los Angeles Times* for 25 years, **Mary Lou Hopkins Hornsby** has retired and devotes her time to organizations in Orange County such as the all-faith chapel at Chapman University, the Doheny Eye Institute, UCI Research Associates, and the Performing Arts Center.

1943 **Lucile McCullagh Jacobs** spent last Christmas with her youngest son, who was visiting from North Carolina. While researching a possible book based on some family letters, **Mary Pansini LaHaye** visited American and Western Samoa last year.

1945 **Marguerite Crosby Thielen** is enjoying her eight grandchildren. **Yvonne McDonald Schaper** and her husband will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this August. They have 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1946 **Mary Needels Block** and her husband spent several months last year traveling by train across Canada and to Philadelphia and Los Angeles; they also traveled by ship from Montreal to New York.

1948 **Marie Aguiar Lemke** keeps politically active in local Hawaii elections. **Portia Hayes Cotter** enjoys life as a retiree and being a grandmother of 15. **Phyllis Kirby Jones** counsels clients on the value, reliability and importance of natural family planning. She also enjoys her 20 grandchildren.

1949 **Virginia Debley** visited the Holy Land with her bible study group last year. **Natalie Rohe Russell** continues to be involved in various youth programs in Contra Costa County, parish activities, and political and family events.

1951 **Susan Robertson Gerard** is still employed as a teacher for the LAUSD, in a Spanish kindergarten. She is also the proud grandmother of 14. **Jane Donnelly Melanson** has been traveling through Spain and Portugal and improving her golf skills. **Geraldine Biggs McGrath** continues to direct the Music Ministry at St. John De La Salle Church in Granada Hills, CA, and is the proud grandmother of 14. **Barbara Terpening McGourty** and her husband celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary by touring England, Scotland, and Wales, and witnessing the extensive preparations for the 50th anniversary of D-Day. Although retired, **Dolores Welgoss De Grassi** continues to teach one class of Latin. She was also fortunate to be able to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

1952 Last September, **Bernadette Gouveia Plotnikoff** presented a paper on developing social welfare programs to work with schools and social services at the 10th International Congress of Child Abuse and Neglect in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

1953 For the past seven years, **Ana Maria Cota MacFarland** has been a data maintenance coordinator and bookkeeper for the Thrifty Payless Corporation. She also tutors and is a tutor trainer at the Chula Vista Literacy Center.

Basking amid the flora during the alumnae outing to Descanso Gardens in June are three members of the Class of '58, L to R: Mary Anne Gariffa Sadler; Jasette Temple (center, standing); and Margaret Darmody.

1954 **Rosemary Czuleger Rea** and her husband celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Sun Valley, Idaho, surrounded by family members. For the second year, **Milania Austin Henley** is co-chairing a fund raising committee to benefit St. Andrew's Abbey.

1955 **Kathleen Kemp** is enjoying her retirement with travel to England and Scotland, and is looking forward to her second family reunion in Minnesota.

1956 **Nora Higgins Masterson** has retired after 38 years of teaching math for the LAUSD, 34 of those years at Bell High School.

1957 After being injured, **Lois McGovern Walker** retired from Los Angeles Department of Health Services. She is now senior public health nurse with Orange County's Health Care Agency's Lead Program. A very grateful and fully recovered **Kathleen Flynn Vernon** considers herself blessed with a supportive family, friends, and Church community after suffering a stroke in February.

1959 **Gloria Travaglini Chess** is looking forward to visiting her daughter and grandchildren in Oregon, as well as relatives in Rome, Italy.

1960 **Judi Ann Bauerlein** continues to teach in the public Montessori program in San Mateo, CA. The program, which she began in 1975, is the first public Montessori program in the country. She also travels to other areas to provide Montessori training. Retired after 20 years of teaching nursing for the LAUSD and ten years of previous nursing employment, **Lucinda Power Wallace** and her husband are pursuing their hobbies of traveling through Europe and flying their hot airship. **Patricia Reap Dern** celebrates her fifth year as a special education teacher for severely emotionally disturbed teenagers at the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic. She also has 10 grandchildren. **Kathleen Kelley Herman** and her husband took their granddaughters on a

trip to Ireland, Scotland, and England. **Beverly McClure Dougherty** puts in many hours teaching in Saturday school, summer school, and regular school; her seven grandchildren occupy the rest of her time.

1961 Besides teaching, **Arline Martin Currie** helps her husband with their small craft and furniture business in Mar Vista, CA. **Kathleen Snedden Williams** is working as a school nurse and enjoying her grandchildren in Bakersfield, CA. **Charlotte Atchley Gillen** is at home while recovering from a stroke. **Liz Swiertz Newman** has been married for 25 years, raised seven children and now has 10 grandchildren. She enjoys reading, writing, editing, traveling, and working on the computer.

1962 After the illness and death of her husband from cancer, **Mary Norton Butler** has returned for a 30th year of teaching and has no plans to retire from what she loves doing. She also plans to travel. Formerly a school nurse, **Patricia Diltz Wallace** is now in her eighth year of teaching second grade for the Hawthorne School District. It is her second year as a support provider to new teachers through the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program at CSU Dominguez Hills.

1963 In addition to relishing her three grandchildren, **Peggy Carr Friese** is beginning her fourth year as Pastoral Associate at St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles. She is also working on her second unit of clinical pastoral education at St. Joseph of Orange toward accreditation as a hospital chaplain. Having lost her home in a hurricane, **Danita McGregor Aiu** has moved into a new home and is teaching sixth grade at Kapaa Elementary School in Honolulu, Hawaii. **Catharine Romano Gerster** is the action chairperson of the Woodbury Cottage Grove League of Women Voters, and has held the stopwatch at local candidates' debates and served as an election judge last November.

Three generations of students and teachers, L to R: Jennifer Ren '94, who recently joined the ranks of the Junior Mount Associates; Sister Catherine Therese Knoop, director of planned giving; and Katherine Whitman '63, a professor in the MSMC business administration department. Knoop taught Whitman, who subsequently taught Ren; the trio is pictured here enjoying a Mount Associates gathering at Cafe Pinot, where a reception and dinner were held after a tour of the renovated downtown Central Library. Membership in the Junior Mount Associates is offered at a reduced annual rate for young alumnae, who may then participate in all the benefits of Mount Associates membership, including special events held twice annually. For information about joining the Mount Associates, please contact Theresa Davis, Director of Annual Giving, at (310) 471-9807.

1964 **Arlene Wolff Burton** is employed as a bilingual third grade teacher in the Inglewood Unified School District. Last November, **Colleen Gillen Azen** gave a presentation at an international symposium on phenylketonuria in Fulda, Germany.

1965 Currently, **Nancy Reiley Morgan** is coordinating the first Teen Pregnancy and Prevention Month in California, which enables her to work with the Senate Select Committee on Family Preservation and Teen Pregnancy Prevention and many other state agencies and organizations. **Joanne Palmer Currie-Crowell** enjoyed Spa Weekend '94 at the Mount with her daughter. **Peggy Condon Brown** has lived in Huntington Beach, CA, for the past 18 years. **Jaqueline Farber Stanton** is in her sixth year of counseling at West High School in Torrance, CA. She also serves as the self-study coordinator for West High's WASC accreditation.

1966 **Maria Jones Hoffman** is teaching one of 14 statewide hospitality and tourism classes at Katella High School, is communications chairperson for the Home Economics Teacher Association of California, and is a mentor teacher for the Anaheim Union High School District. **Mickie Tynan** celebrates 25 years at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Los Angeles, where she is director of the professional nursing care management department designed to serve the chronically ill elderly patients in the community. **Marilyn Spaw Krock** writes a weekly column in *The Tidings*, the L.A. archdiocesan newspaper, where she gives advice on building faith foundations. She also works hard to help the Church be more concerned with the needs of today's families.

1967 **Kathie Andrew Yoder** and her husband will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska. For the past 14 years, **Theresa Renga Julio** has owned a kitchen design business. **Karen Fraser Schoeni** enjoys helping at her church and traveling with her husband. While in Vietnam and Cambodia last year, **Melody King Chasen** visited the motherhouse of a Vietnamese order of Catholic nuns thanks to Sister Fidelis, a member of the order whom Melody met at the Mount.

1969 **Sharon Breen Jarrett** is currently the director of an occupational health clinic in the ARCO Plaza in Los Angeles, CA. She has recently branched out into the challenging and exciting marketing arena. **Jeanne Burnham Black** and her husband have completed building a dock and an offshore welding shop near their home along a river on North Central Florida's nature coast. She sings in a choir and is active in Garden Club, Women's Guild, and other community organizations.

1970 Upon completing her master's degree in curriculum and instruction at the University of Memphis, **Annette Jacobson Frankel** is now an adjunct English professor in the Department of International Studies. **Stephanie Lewis Cooper** works part-time as an attorney with a law firm in Santa Monica, CA, in addition to raising her three daughters. **Maria Gutierrez Ott** is serving a second year as Superintendent of Schools for the Little Lake City School District, near Santa Fe Springs, CA.

1971 **Loretta McBride Musselman** facilitated a six-week bereavement group at American Martyrs Parish in Manhattan Beach, CA. After undergoing surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer, **Ramona Vance Haywood** is taking a leave of absence to incorporate her experiences in a journal-type book for other cancer patients. Having completed her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Pittsburg, **Sister Carol Purzycki** is currently teaching pediatric nursing at the Mount.

1972 **Mary Kathryn Durando** spent last spring and summer coordinating spectator medical care for the World Cup Soccer USA 1994 Tournament at the Stanford University stadium. **Lieutenant Colonel Anne Hesch Varner** is currently a pediatric clinical nurse specialist at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Texas. In addition, she sings with St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir and Bruce Nehring Concert Choir.

1973 **Elizabeth Rohrs Flynn** manages the electrophysiology department at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital. In conjunction with her technical duties, she provides patient and staff education and conducts a support group for patients with implanted defibrillators. She also passed the examination of special competency in cardiac pacing and electrophysiology, given by the North American Society of Pacing and Electropysiology. She and her husband volunteer at a local wildlife center, specializing in the rescue and care of injured wild turtles.

1975 Last September, **Alice Gardello** purchased a new home in Culver City, CA.

1977 Last fall, **Rosa Maria Salazar** traveled to the Republic of China for a 14-day tour. Having retired this year, **Yvette Markos Luque** received an award from the California Home Care Association for outstanding dedication to the advancement of patient care in the home. The Visiting Nurses' Association of Los Angeles has named their hospice program in her honor.

1978 Two sons continue to keep **Mary McEntee Gosnell** active in PTA, Friends of the Library, School Site Council and Sunday School, which she teaches with her husband. Moving to Santa Barbara, **Elyse Cohen Adams** is starting a company to produce media materials related to pediatric issues, including a home page on the Internet and a pediatric AIDS docutmentary with teaching kits, which she hopes to complete within the next two years. She was asked to go to China with a delegation from UCLA to review women's and children's health. **Karen Darling Ward** survived another hip surgery and is making a complete recovery. Her counseling business continues to keep her busy. **Patricia Aston Giffin** is recovering from back surgery, which is complicated by lupus and fibromyalgia.

1979 **Karen Adams-Davis** is currently employed as a clinical field training office coordinator for California School of Professional Psychology. **Alicia Andujo** serves as president of the Hispanic Caucus of the California Association for Counseling Development. Recently, she was appointed to a tenure-track counselor position in the Long Beach Community College District.

1980 **Stacie Connors** has received her master's of science in nursing in nurse anesthesia from CSU Long Beach and is currently working at Kaiser Hospital and freelancing in San Diego as an anesthetist. She also keeps busy with her daughter.

1981 **Linda Carlson Baker** and her family have moved to Moorpark, CA, and she continues to work as a healthcare consultant with a company in Sherman Oaks, CA. **Dr. Julie Taguchi** is happily living in Santa Barbara with her family. **Susan Smith Burchiel** is teaching nursing full time at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, CA. After receiving a master's of science in nursing in 1988, she became a part-time lecturer for the CSU Dominguez Hills statewide nursing program.

Congratulations to 1995 Scions of Mount Alumnae

2nd Generation Alums

Dore Beynon, BS, daughter of Mary Bruno Beynon, BA '67
Michelle I. Boskin, AA, daughter of
Cecilia Ingersoll Boskin, BA '62
Lisa Penny-Wiley, BA, daughter of
Donna O'Connor Roth, BA '61
Patricia Price, BS, daughter of Marian Seeley Curtis, BS '54
Therese Talvin, BA, daughter of Margaret Talvin, BA '74
Elizabeth Zelus, MPT, daughter of Agnes Zelus, MS '85

3rd Generation Alum

Megan Enright, MS, daughter of Carol Clem Enright, BA '63, and granddaughter of Mathilde Pellegrin Clem, BA '31

1982 Since last December, **Maureen Feliz Mashburn** has been working part-time at Mercy Home Health. In addition to expecting her third child, **Irene Duran de los Santos** is the senior physical therapist at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Los Angeles.

1983 **Pamela Lutz Joyce** is moving to eastern Conneticut. **Mary Cruz Johnson** began a new position as a programmer for the social studies computing department at UCLA.

1987 Last summer, **Christine Darcy Henningsson** and her family traveled through Europe for three months. She then resumed work as a registered nurse in the intensive care nursery at UC, San Francisco.

1988 **Suzanne Murphy** lives in Germany with her family. She worked as a physical therapist at the Army headquarters 95th Combat Support Hospital in Heidelberg, Germany, and completed an intensive teacher training course to become a Bradley natural childbirth educator. **Sheryl Ragen** has joined the law firm of O'Flaherty and Belgurn as an associate attorney. **Karen Diaz Mack** and her husband are celebrating their first wedding anniversary. For the past five years, she has been employed as a senior clinician in physical therapy for stroke rehabilitation at St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton, CA. **Denise Goosby** works as a kindergarten teacher at Nevin Avenue School in Los Angeles, under the LAUSD intern program. For the past four years, **Anne Bishop** has been working as a special education and learning center teacher at Hillcrest Elementary on Whidbey Island in Washington.

1991 After earning her master's degree in library and information science from UCLA, **Gloria Grover** now works for the Los Angeles Public Library as a young adult librarian. Having completed her third year as a traveling physical therapist, **Laurajean Johnson** also manages an out-patient clinic, and skilled nursing and acute care facilities in Coalinga, CA.

1994 **Ann Summers Gandara** is employed at Monrovia High School teaching mathematics. **Cari Messer** passed the California physical therapy state board exam and is working as a licensed physical therapist in Mariposa, CA. She spends her free time cross country skiing, tandem bike riding, and horseback riding.

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The Reading Room

"It would not be to everyone's taste. But for an archetypally dark novel, one that explores the murky inner soul of the writer, try the latest from Martin Amis, *The Information.*

Doug Dutton, proprieter of Dutton's Brentwood Bookstore and husband of Penny Dutton '89

"History is a family passion — I recommend *Paradise Transformed: Los Angeles During the Second World War*, by Arthur C. Verge, a history professor at El Camino College (and my son)."

Margie McInis Verge '53, whose husband has taught history at Santa Monica College

"First editions of the classics are rare and highly sought after by collectors. The most frequently requested, which are still read for pleasure, are: Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*; Mary W. Shelley's *Frankenstein*; Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, and Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*; *A Tale of Two Cities*, by Dickens; and two favorites from Mark Twain, *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn.*"

Lee Biondi, manager of the Heritage Book Shop

"*Paula*, by Isabel Allende, is an autobiographical novel written to her comatose daugher. It has all the mysticism and magical realism that I have loved in Allende's other works, such as *Eva Luna* and *The House of the Spirits.*"

Heidi Hurskainen Robertson '94

Can you recommend a book?

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Two by Two

The members of the Alumnae Association extend best wishes to the following alumnae and their spouses:

'88 Mary Perry to Patrick W. Underwood
'91 Gina Ursell to Roger Ross

By-Lines

The members of the Alumnae Association extend congratulations to the following alumnae and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'76 Kevin Jordan to Barbara Platte Bucher, 3rd child, 3rd son
'76 Matthew James to Ann Gleason Grover, 5th child, 3rd son
'77 Natalie Rose to Joan Patano Vos, 3rd child, 3rd daughter
'78 Katharine Elizabeth to Katina Zaninovich, 2nd child, 1st daughter
'84 Lisa Anne to Fiona McGinty Engler, 2nd child, 1st daughter
'88 Stephen Michael to Jokay Micek Kearns, 3rd child
'88 D'Arcy Catherine Gray to Jeanne D. Soukup, 2nd child, 1st daughter
'90 Brian Andrew to Kathleen Baumgartner Marafino, 1st child
'91 Kevin Albert Chung to Ruby Tsang, 1st child
'94 Edward Andrew to Claire Mackay, 2nd child, 2nd son

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'31 Alice Buckler Crawford
'33 husband of Hazel Champion Masculine and father of Mary Masculine McCoy '67
'34 Madeline O'Connor
'45 Mary Anne Durkin Nevins
'57 husband of Jean Doyle Seaman
'62 father of Jeanette Squatrito Dana
'64 father of Lynn Albizati Brown, Leigh Albizati Segel '65, and Trent Albizati Riesner '69
'67 father of Sister Joan Schlotfeldt, SND
'67 mother of Consuelo Villaverde
'72 mother of Kathleen Smith Smith and Barbara Smith Mount '75
'73 father of Molly Young Mailloux
'87 father of Victoria Hernandez

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

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We celebrate the writing talents of many in the Mount community in this issue of the *Mount St. Mary's College Magazine*, and recall the wise advice of Epictetus: "If you wish to be a writer, write."

Save the Date

OCTOBER

CHAMBER MUSIC IN HISTORIC SITES

Saturday, October 21
Stories of the Soul: Opero os o Poth to Spirituol Growth
10:00 o.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Donohue Center, Doheny

Dr. Betsy Caprio presents ways for opera listeners to integrate this rich musical and dramatic legacy into spiritual paths. *

Friday, October 27
Chomber Music in Historic Sites/Doheny Soirée
Leonordo Trio
8:00 p.m.
Pompeion Room, Doheny Monsion **

Saturday, October 28
Nostro Aetote (Declaration on Non-Christian Religions): The What, Where, ond How of 30 Yeors
9:30 o.m. - 12:00 naan
Donohue Center, Doheny

Presented by Msgr. Royale M. Vadakin. This is the first in a series of four lectures honoring the 15th anniversary of the MSMC Graduate Religious Studies Program, and the 30th anniversary of the closing of Vatican Council II. ***

NOVEMBER

Saturday-Sunday, November 4-5
Politicol Life, Sociol Justice ond the Seorch for God
9:15 o.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lecture Holl, Doheny

Father Robert Drinan, SJ, discusses how involvement with political and social justice concerns deepens spiritual life.*

November 5 - December 15
Womon Cloy Movement
José Drudis-Biodo Gollery, Cholon

MSMC will be one of several venues throughout Southern California simultaneously exhibiting the works of contemporary women clay artists. Call (310) 471-9860 for information.

DECEMBER

Friday, December 1
Chamber Music in Historic Sites/Doheny Soirée
Arionno String Quortet
8:00 p.m. **

Saturday, December 2
Christmos Chorol Concert
8:00 p.m.
Corondelet Center Chapel

The Mount Singers and the Mount Chorus present music of the season. Call the music department at (310) 471-9535 for information.

Saturday, December 9
The Vision of the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World: Its Chollenge ond Implementotion
9:30 o.m. - 12:00 noon
Donohue Center, Doheny

Presented by John A. Coleman, SJ***

Sunday, December 10
Christmos Open House
2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Doheny Monsion

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